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From the Birmingham Black Barons
of the Negro American League.

In addition to a star-studded roll call of players, the Birmingham Black Barons, who play the _____ at _____ on _____ in a _____, starting at _____ o'clock, present one of the outstanding managers of all-time in organized Negro baseball in the person of dynamic Winfield Scott Welch.

This is Welch's fifth season at the helm of the Black Barons and the record he has compiled with the club is brilliant. He led the club to second place in the Negro American League in 1941 and 1942 and then won the championship of the circuit the last two years, last season winning both halves of the titular race to take the honors without a playoff.

With another of his dashing, fighting ball clubs, Welch is favored to make it three in a row this season. The 1945 Black Barons again have everything, plus a keen desire on the part of his players to go all out for Welch, whom they respect and like greatly. The Barons this season have wonder pitching, great fielding and plenty of batting power, and a world of hustle.

Further attesting to Welch's managerial ability, is the fact that he co-managed the American League's all-stars to victory over the Negro National League's as the West defeated the East the last two years in the annual Negro baseball classic at Comiskey Park, Chicago, before capacity crowds of 52,000 on each occasion.

Welch's chief assistant is the fabulous Ted ("Double Duty") Radcliffe, one of the team's top pitchers and catchers and a former Negro American League manager himself.